

# CONTRACTING UPDATE

## MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM HELPING TO BUILD CAPACITY

**The Trinity River Vision Authority (TRVA) is committed to providing fair contracting opportunities for all in the construction of the Trinity River Vision project. After looking for firms to help with the management support services of the project, TRVA saw an opportunity to build capacity and help small businesses gain experience in the Primavera P6 scheduling software through a mentor-protégé program. Primavera P6 is a program used by many agencies including the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant Regional Water District, United States Army Corps of Engineers, and TRVA for project scheduling.**

Mentor-protégé programs pair smaller companies with prime contractors to assist in relationship and capacity building. This type of program is common among engineering and construction firms and is beneficial to all involved. Karen Friese and Associates, Inc. (KFA), an Austin-based, woman-owned design firm specializing in water, wastewater and transportation projects and APSI Construction Management (APSI) teamed up for TRVA's program. KFA shadowed APSI during the "Tiger Team Effort" in Fort Worth. During this process, KFA contributed to the development of the overall project logic diagram, developed quantity take-offs and cost estimating while learning more about the role of a construction management firm. In addition, KFA participated in lunch and learns and webinars on topics such as scheduling, cost estimating, planning and construction management techniques, and baseline development.

*"KFA's involvement with APSI has allowed our company to increase our knowledge and expertise, from working so closely with industry leaders, on project cost estimation,*

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Karen Friese is President of K Friese and Associates, a registered W/BE and D/BE firm, who partnered with APSI as the Protégé on the TRVA's Management Support and Scheduling Project.



Sr Project Mgr. Joe Skidmore of K Friese and Associates played an important role on the team, participating in numerous training sessions and providing insight throughout the value engineering process.



## SIGN UP TO BE ON OUR VENDOR DATABASE!

Visit [www.trinityrivervision.org](http://www.trinityrivervision.org) and click on the Online Vendor Registration link to sign up to receive notifications for bid opportunities, educational workshops and networking events by email.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

To learn more about doing business on the Trinity River Vision project attend an event that TRVA is participating in. Check [www.trinityrivervision.org](http://www.trinityrivervision.org) for more information.

**JUNE 14, 2011**

Alliance Texas Procurement Fair  
For more information contact:  
ShoWorks at (509) 838-8755

**JULY 7, 2011**

Tarrant County Vendor Information Forum  
Contact: Velina Willis at 817-884-1948

**AUGUST 12, 2011**

Government Procurement Conference  
More Info: <http://www.gpc-texas.org/>



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Fort Worth Trinity River Vision will deliver an innovative new flood control system that will provide public safety as well as important quality of life elements including: recreational opportunities, ecosystem restoration, and urban revitalization. Central to the plan is to create 12 miles of public access along the river's edge and a 33-acre town lake.

For more information about the project or TRVA, please call 817-698-0700 or visit the TRVA Education Center located in downtown Fort Worth at 307 W. Seventh Street.



## VENDOR DATABASE

Take advantage of the online vendor database. Vendors are finding it to be a very helpful networking tool. We now have approximately 850 registered vendors who are signed up and interested in working on this project. Go online and search by industry to find other interested prime and sub contractors to partner with on contracts.

Go to [www.trinityrivervision.org](http://www.trinityrivervision.org) and click on the Vendor Search and Registration link to access the database. By registering, you will receive notification for all Trinity River Vision bid opportunities and educational workshops.

## UPCOMING BID OPPORTUNITIES

### Attention ALL Interested Bidders.

Demolition and Asbestos Abatement  
Trinity River Vision Authority – May 2011

Henderson Street Bridge Water and Sanitary Sewer Relocations  
City of Fort Worth – May 2011

1.5 – 1.7 Million Cubic Yards of Dirt Excavation  
United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) – Spring 2012

Henderson Street Bridge Construction  
Texas Department of Transportation – 2012

All projects are subject to change due to scope of work and timing. For current information please review bid opportunities at [www.trinityrivervision.org](http://www.trinityrivervision.org).

## Mentor Protégé Program

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The staff of K Friese and Associates was eager to participate as a protégé on this TRV contract to expand their knowledge base on scheduling and construction management. Seen here for a group pose after a company volleyball game.

*the role of a construction management firm's responsibilities and report process, and supporting updates," said Karen Friese, KFA President. "The introduction to their schedule and cost management techniques has been very useful. We look forward to our continued involvement with the master scheduling effort as the design package evolves for the Trinity River Vision project."*

Through their participation in the program, KFA has also had an opportunity to be a part of the value

engineering process for the TRV bridges. "APSI has enjoyed working with KFA," says Robert Morse, APSI "We now assist KFA with business development and team with them on projects."

As more agencies turn to Primavera for project management, TRVA hopes its mentor-protégé program will serve as model for building capacity in the region. For more information on TRVA's contracting opportunities, please visit [www.trinityrivervision.org/contracting](http://www.trinityrivervision.org/contracting).